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(54) Magazine of fixing elements for pneumatic gun

(57) A magazine for fixing elements for pneumatic gun, comprising an elongated box-like enclosure (7) which is internally hollow and open at both ends and on one of the lateral surfaces, can be connected to the body (2) of the gun, and is provided on one of the ends with a first flat and elongated head (14), a guide (8) being

slidingly engaged within the box-like enclosure (7), the guide (8) having, at one end, a second flat and elongated head (38), the second head (38) and an engagement element (48) adapted to interact with means for locking the guide in the operating position being rigidly coupled to the guide by way of detachable connecting elements.

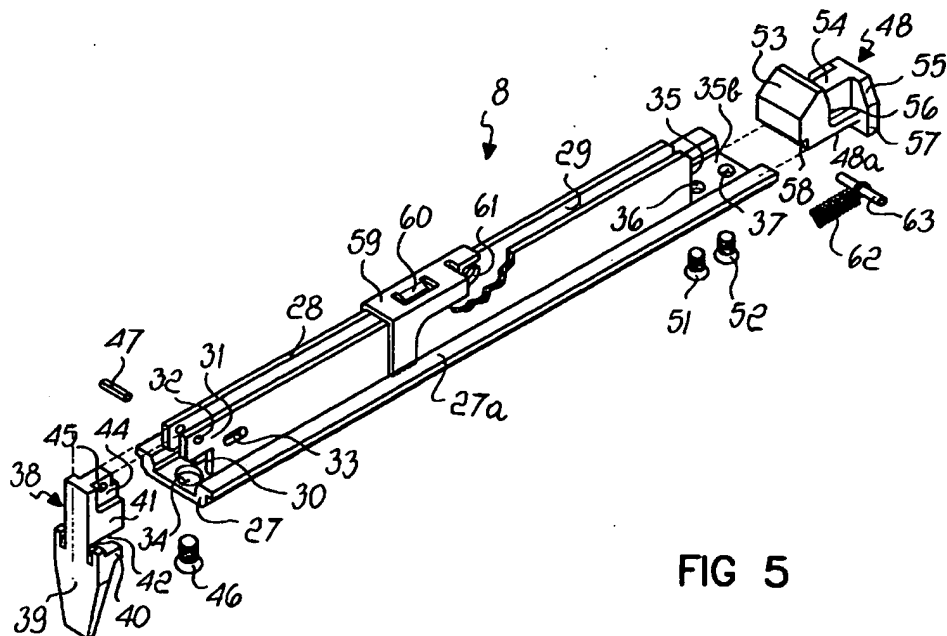


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1-2, 8 (when dependant on claim 2)



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1. claims: 1-2, 8 (when dependant on claim 2)

A magazine according to claim 1, further characterized in that the lamina (27) and the rib (28) of the guide (8) are formed monolithically by drawing aluminium alloy.

2. claims: 3-5, 8 (when dependent on claims 3-5) and 10

A magazine according to claim 1, further characterized in that the second head (38) and the engagement element (48), are provided with female threads (43, 49, 50) with axes perpendicular to the lamina (27).

3. claims: Claims 6-7, 8 (when dependent on claim 6), 9 and 11-12

A magazine according to claim 1, further characterized in that the rib (28) comprises a longitudinal slit (29) that passes through it from one end to the other.

4. claim: Claim 8 (when directly dependent on claim 1)

A magazine according to claim 1, further characterized in that said rib (28) comprises, at one end, a cutout (35) that forms a wall (35a) that is perpendicular to said lamina (27) and, at the opposite end, a slot (33) that lies parallel to said lamina (27).

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